



# HEAD COACH JAMES FRANKLIN



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First-year Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin expects success.

Named as the 27th head coach to guide the Commodores on Dec. 17, 2010, Franklin immediately began changing expectations within the program and inspiring a championship mentality with the entire Vanderbilt Football community. But, Franklin brings more than a positive outlook. Franklin's passion for the game, energetic coaching style, nationally-recognized recruiting prowess, and experience in developing highly productive offensive schemes will help fuel what Franklin believes will be one of the greatest turnarounds in college football.

Franklin's message is gaining momentum and producing results. On National Signing Day, Franklin announced a 21-player class that recruiting experts lauded as Vanderbilt's best in decades. Rivals.com has recognized Franklin as among the nation's top 25 recruiters. When spring practices began, Franklin motivated top effort and fostered the team's competitive spirit by working without a depth chart through the duration of the session. In April, an impressive audience watched a preview of the Commodores' new brand of football at the Black and Gold Spring Game. Franklin's enthusiasm is contagious and has energized the Vanderbilt fan base in anticipation of the home opener.

Franklin spent the last five seasons coordinating highly productive offensive units at top Division I programs. Most recently, Franklin served as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach

at the University of Maryland. In 2010, Maryland enjoyed an impressive one-year turnaround and contended for the Atlantic Coast Conference crown during their 9-4 campaign. Franklin's explosive offensive averaged 32.2 points and topped 50 points in three games. Disciplined and patient, the unit committed just 14 total turnovers as the Terps ranked fourth nationally in turnover margin.

Maryland redshirt freshman quarterback Danny O'Brien finished the season as one of the nation's most efficient signal callers, throwing for 2,438 yards, 22 touchdowns, and only eight interceptions after earning the starting job in the fourth game of the season. O'Brien earned ACC Rookie of the Year honors. Terrapin senior receiver Torrey Smith flourished under Franklin's system, finishing the year with 67 receptions, 1,055 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns en route to first team All-ACC honors. Smith was a second round pick in the 2011 NFL Draft.

In 2008, Franklin mentored six All-ACC offensive performers in his return to Maryland as offensive coordinator including 2009 first-round NFL draft pick, receiver Darius Heyward-Bey.

Franklin displayed his recruiting skill at Maryland, helping the Terrapins sign ten four-star recruits in the 2009 and 2010 classes.

Franklin's first experience as offensive coordinator produced similarly successful results. Franklin came to Maryland after spending the 2006 and 2007 seasons as offensive coordinator at Kansas State University. He helped the Wildcats earn their first winning season in four years and a berth in the inaugural Texas

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Bowl. In 2006, Franklin focused on mentoring talented true freshman quarterback Josh Freeman. In 2007, Franklin's offense produced a 3,000-yard passer (Freeman), 1,500-yard receiver (All-America wide receiver Jordy Nelson), and 1,000-yard rusher for the first time in school history.

Today, Freeman and Nelson have found great success in the NFL. Freeman is the starting quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after being selected in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. Nelson grabbed a touchdown pass in the Green Bay Packers' victory in Super Bowl XLV.

Franklin spent the 2005 season coaching wide receivers for the Green Bay Packers under current Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman. During that season, wide receiver Donald Driver set new career-high marks with 86 receptions for 1,221.

"I noticed early on that he always saw the big picture. He didn't just coach his players on the field, but saw the need for them to be accountable off the field as well," Sherman said of his former assistant.

After his brief but successful NFL tenure, Franklin returned to college coaching for the opportunity to devise offensive schemes and gain in-game play calling experience at the coordinator level.

Franklin's opportunity with the most-storied team in the NFL came on the heels of a five-year role coaching wide receivers at the University of Maryland. During his tenure, the Terps earned three post-season berths including an appearance in the 2002 FedEx Orange Bowl. Franklin's role expanded to recruiting

coordinator in 2003. Franklin delivered back-to-back recruiting classes ranked in the Top-25 by Rivals.com.

Early in his career, Franklin committed himself to being a student of the game: gleanng strategies, tools and tips from great coaches at a variety of competitive levels. Franklin began his career in 1995 as the wide receivers coach at Kutztown (Pa.) University. Then, he returned to his alma mater, East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University learning the game from the defensive side of the ball coaching cornerbacks and safeties under veteran coach Denny Douds. Franklin earned a Division I position at James Madison University coaching wide receivers under head coach, Alex Wood.

In 1998, Franklin earned the opportunity to participate in the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program. Franklin interned with the Minnesota Vikings, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Miami Dolphins. Franklin also worked with Mike Price coaching tight ends at Washington State in 1998. The following year, Franklin helped Idaho State rank among the NCAA's best in total offense as ISU's receivers coach.

Franklin developed a passion for the game as a four-year letter winning quarterback at East Stroudsburg. Franklin was a two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection. As a senior, he garnered MVP honors and was a Harlon Hill Trophy nominee for Division II Player of the Year after setting seven school records, including single-season marks for total offense (3,128 yards), passing yards (2,568 yards) and touchdown passes (19).

Franklin earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from East Stroudsburg in 1995 and a Master's degree in educational leadership from Washington State in 1999.

Franklin and his family have become fast fans of Nashville. He and his wife, Fumi, have two daughters, Addy, 4, and Shola, 3.



*Franklin and wife, Fumi, with daughters Addy and Shola.*





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## QUOTES ON COACH FRANKLIN



**Raheem Morris**



**Mike Sherman**



**Jordy Nelson**

"The hiring of Coach Franklin represents a new day for Vanderbilt football. He has my full support and commitment that we will help him create an environment where the successes on the field equal the university's extraordinary successes off the field. Coach Franklin will have an immediate and positive impact on our students, alumni, faculty, staff and broader Vanderbilt community, and I welcome him to Vanderbilt."

**Nicholas Zeppos, Vanderbilt University Chancellor**

"Coach Franklin is a first class coach, and a perfect fit for a university like Vanderbilt. He's a tremendous motivator of men, and inspires character in each of his players."

"Coach Franklin works really hard to be the best that he can be as a coach, and has the toughness to build up a program in the SEC. He will be a great representative of Vanderbilt University."

**Raheem Morris, Tampa Bay Bucs Head Coach**

"James Franklin worked for me in Green Bay. I noticed early on that he always saw the big picture. He didn't just coach his players on the field, but saw the need for them to be accountable off the field as well. He took an interest in every aspect of their lives and coached not just the player, but the person."

"Coach Franklin is a great hire. He will fall in line with the (Vanderbilt) value system as to what they expect from their athletes in all areas, as well as being totally committed to winning football games. I have no doubt he will have great success in Nashville."

**Mike Sherman, Texas A&M Head Coach**

"Coach Franklin has a lot of energy, a lot of passion for the game, and obviously knew what he was doing. He cared about his players and was a great family guy. Coach was intense, but yet had fun and like I said, he had his passion for the game, his love for the game and a love for his players, and he cares about his players like family. I know he'll do a great job and I think Vanderbilt will be very pleased with the guy they got."

**Jordy Nelson, Green Bay WR; former Kansas State WR**

"Coach has meant so much to me, both on and off the field. One of the best things that ever happened to me was getting to work with Coach Franklin."

"I was very raw, and needed development in really every area. Coach taught me proper footwork, how to better understand pass routes and schemes, just how to play the position. Truly, to this day, my fundamental foundation as a quarterback came from the time with him."

**Josh Freeman, Tampa Bay QB; former Kansas State QB**

## Franklin's Career Path to Vanderbilt

### HOMETOWN:

Langhorne, Pa.

### FAMILY:

Wife, Fumi; Daughters, Addy and Shola

### PLAYING CAREER:

East Stroudsburg, 1991-94

### EDUCATION:

Bachelor's: Psychology, East Stroudsburg, 1995

Master's: Educational Leadership, Wash. State, 1999

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

#### 2008-10 Maryland (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

On December 23, 2007, Ralph Friedgen sways Franklin back to Maryland as the Terps' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. In February 2009, Friedgen designates Franklin as his successor at Maryland... The Terrapins go 9-4 overall in 2010, finishing second in the ACC's Atlantic Division and winning the Military Bowl... Quarterback Danny O'Brien earns ACC Rookie of the Year and Freshman All-America honors under Franklin's mentorship, ranking third nationally among freshmen in pass efficiency rating... O'Brien throws for 22 touchdowns against only eight picks after becoming the team's starter in Week Four... Franklin's 2010 offense ranks among the nation's best in limiting turnovers... Torrey Smith also flourishes in 2010, catching 67 passes for 1,055 yards to earn first-team All-ACC honors... For the fourth time in his career, Franklin also is honored as a Top 25 recruiter by Rivals.com for helping to secure a class that included a number of four-star athletes... In 2008, the Terps defeat four ranked teams en route to a win in the Humanitarian Bowl to cap an 8-5 record. Terp WR Darrius Heyward-Bey becomes No. 9 overall pick of the 2009 NFL Draft.

#### 2006-07 Kansas State (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

As K-State's offensive coordinator, Franklin helps the Wildcats to a 7-6 record in 2006, including a 45-42 win over No. 4 Texas. Kansas State also plays in the Texas Bowl, its first postseason appearance in three years... In 2007, under Franklin's guidance, K-State offense becomes first in team history to feature a 3,000-yard passer, 1,500-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season.... QB Josh Freeman (eventual 2009 first-round pick of Tampa Bay) sets numerous school records, including 3,353 passing yards... WR Jordy Nelson becomes an All-America player by catching 122 passes, and is a high draft pick of the Packers... In 2011, he starts on Green Bay's world champion squad.

#### 2005 Green Bay Packers-NFL (assistant coach/wide receivers)

Assisting Head Coach Mike Sherman, Franklin mentors a strong receiving arsenal that includes Donald Driver, Javon Walker and Robert Ferguson catching passes from Brett Favre... Despite an injury to Walker, the Packers rank sixth in team receiving yards... Driver sets career highs with 86 receptions for 1,221 receiving yards.

#### 2000-04 Maryland (wide receivers/recruiting coordinator)

Franklin helps Maryland to three consecutive bowl appearances starting with the 2001 squad... Maryland also achieves three straight seasons of 10 wins or more (2001-03), including appearance in 2002 FedEx Orange Bowl... Terps followed Orange Bowl berth with 30-3 victory over Tennessee in 2002 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and 41-7 win over West Virginia in 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl... Promoted to recruiting coordinator in 2003, Franklin delivers back-to-back recruiting classes that were ranked among the nation's Top 25.

#### 1999 Idaho State (wide receivers)

As receivers coach, Franklin helps ISU finish ninth nationally in total offense.

#### 1998 Washington State (graduate assistant coach/tight ends)

Franklin joins highly successful Cougar Coach Mike Price as grad assistant.

#### 1997 James Madison (wide receivers)

Franklin mentors James Madison wide receivers... Junior receiver Earnest Payton finishes his career as the school's leader in receptions with 185.

#### 1996 East Stroudsburg (defensive backs)

Franklin returns to his alma mater, Division II East Stroudsburg.

#### NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program

Franklin participates in the program in 1998, serving an internship with Miami. He also enjoyed stints with Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.





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## FRANKLIN: Noted QB Mentor

By hiring James Franklin as its head coach, Vanderbilt has one of the nation's top quarterback mentors guiding its program.

And Franklin believes the Commodores will succeed in developing future stars at the quarterback position.

"Maximizing the talents of our quarterbacks and doing a great job mentoring that position is critically important to the overall success of our team," Franklin said. "It is a priority with this coaching staff."

Franklin's emphasis on the position is extremely attractive to highly regarded prep quarterbacks nationwide.

Indeed, the new Commodore coach knows what it takes to become a top quarterback. An elite signal caller at the Division II level during his playing days, Franklin has surrounded himself with great quarterbacks since getting into the coaching ranks in the mid-1990s. His resume includes time with National Football League legends, a current pro starter in Tampa Bay's Josh Freeman, and others who have achieved individual and team successes.

Freeman, now in his second year at Tampa Bay, remains a huge Franklin fan.

"Coach (Franklin) has meant so much to me, both on and off the field," Freeman said. "One of the best things that ever happened to me was getting to work with Coach Franklin."

In three short years at Kansas State, Freeman evolved from a strong-armed prospect to the No. 17 overall NFL draft pick in 2009. In his last year paired with Franklin, Freeman emerged for the Wildcats, throwing for a team-record 3,353 yards along with 18 touchdowns.

Franklin's most recent pupil, Maryland's Danny O'Brien, blossomed as a redshirt freshman in 2010. Inserted into the Terrapins' starting lineup in the fourth game, O'Brien went on to garner Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year honors after throwing for 2,438 yards, 22 touchdowns and just eight interceptions.

O'Brien, also named as a first-team freshman All-American, was recruited by Franklin and swayed by the coach's knowledge of the quarterback position, competitive drive and enthusiasm.



*Kansas State all-time passing leader and 2009 first round draft pick Josh Freeman*



*Franklin pupil Danny O'Brien of Maryland was the ACC's Rookie of the Year and a Freshman All-American in 2010*

"Coach was a big factor in my decision (to attend Maryland)," O'Brien said. "We have similar passion for the game and I thought he was the coach to mold me into the player I thought I could be."

Under Franklin's watch, O'Brien spent a year improving his mechanics, learning to break down film and getting a solid grasp of the offensive scheme. Then, when given the offensive reins last fall, O'Brien never looked back.

"Coach truly knows the position, and really taught me how to be a college quarterback and what it meant to have that role. Everything from watching film the proper way and leading our team to how I should carry myself, on and off the field," O'Brien said.

O'Brien's rise at Maryland mirrored that of Freeman at Kansas State.

"I was very raw, and needed development in really every area," Freeman said. "Coach taught me proper footwork, how to better understand pass routes and schemes, just how to play the position. Truly, to this day, my fundamental foundation as a quarterback came from the time with him."

Franklin mentored Freeman after spending the 2005 season at Green Bay coaching wide receivers. The Packer quarterback was none other than NFL all-time leading passer Brett Favre. Years earlier, through the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program, Franklin also spent extended time with another passing legend, Miami hall of famer Dan Marino.

"I've enjoyed some unique coaching experiences, especially at the quarterback position, and learned from each opportunity," Franklin said. "Watching how Brett Favre went about his business and how he treated his profession helped me coach and prepare Josh at Kansas State. I was better prepared to help Danny (O'Brien) after working with Josh, and I'll be even more prepared to develop Commodore quarterbacks after working with Danny."

Franklin and his offensive staff will mentor a quarterback corps that includes senior Larry Smith and redshirt junior Jordan Rodgers. Three quarterback signees in the 2011 class will expand the roster this summer.

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## HEAD COACH BUILDS INTEREST, TEAM UNITY SINCE ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

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### FRANKLIN INTRODUCED IN NASHVILLE ★ Dec. 17, 2010

James Franklin is introduced as Vanderbilt's 27th head football coach by Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics David Williams in a press conference held in the Board of Trust Room at Sarratt Student Center. At 39, the former assistant head coach/offensive coordinator at Maryland becomes the youngest Commodore head coach in nearly two decades.

**FRANKLIN:** "It's time that this football program starts reflecting everything else on this campus, and that's a commitment to excellence. I'm not a six-and-five guy, and I'm not a seven-and-five guy. There's going to be high expectations from day one. There is no part of this program that will settle. Everything we do will be about championships."

### FRANKLIN ANNOUNCES OFFENSIVE STAFF ★ Jan. 13, 2011

The head coach announces the hirings of his offensive coaches, including new coordinator John Donovan, and Dwight Galt, the man who will guide the Commodores' conditioning program. He also names key administrators in the football office.

**FRANKLIN:** "We're really laying the foundation right now with the offensive staff, the administrative staff, the strength coach, to put together what my focus is on, which is to build the best staff in the country. When I say that, I'm talking about people that are passionate about being at Vanderbilt."

### FRANKLIN INTRODUCED AT BASKETBALL GAME ★ Jan. 20, 2011



Franklin takes the floor during halftime of the men's basketball game against Ole Miss in Memorial Gymnasium, asking students and fans for their support for the football team in the coming months.

**FRANKLIN:** "We have a plan; we have a vision for what this program could be, but we can't do it alone. We need everybody's support. We need this community, we need this campus to come together and unite more than it ever has before."

### FRANKLIN NAMES DEFENSIVE STAFF ★ Jan. 31, 2011

Four defensive coaches are named to fill out Franklin's staff: defensive coordinator and safeties coach Bob Shoop, linebackers coach and co-defensive coordinator Brent Pry, secondary coach Wes McGriff and defensive line coach Sean Spencer.

### NATIONAL SIGNING DAY ★ Feb. 2, 2011

Fueled by a strong finish to recruiting, Franklin lands 21 signees coming from 13 states. The class, which includes a pair of 4-star prospects, is touted as Vanderbilt's most talented class in years.

#### FRANKLIN TO AUDIENCE OF FANS:

"Basically, this staff was not going to take 'no' for an answer. We told every recruit that. We would go into their homes and tell them reasons they should come and tell their family. In the end, we would look them in the eye and tell them we weren't taking 'no' for an answer and they were coming to Vanderbilt."



### FRANKLIN STAGES STUDENT TRYOUTS ★ Feb. 15, 2011

After visiting dorms and fraternity row, Franklin personally conducts tryouts for the Vanderbilt student body to make the team's spring roster. Seventeen students participated in the tryouts. Eventually, six students would join the team for spring drills.

**FRANKLIN TO CANDIDATES:** "As hard as you think this is going to be, it's going to be 10 times harder. I need you to say no matter how hard this is going to be, I want to be a part of this team."

### FRANKLIN GUIDES SPRING DRILLS ★ March 18, 2011

Franklin oversees his first spring practice as head coach at the John Rich Practice Facility on campus. During the ensuing 14 practices, Franklin puts his stamp on the Commodore program: upbeat, energetic, disciplined, physical and positive.

**FRANKLIN:** "The energy is contagious. They know we're going to put them in position to be successful. We're going to push them extremely hard, but in a positive manner, and we're going to have fun doing it. I think the players are embracing what we're doing and have bought in."

### THOUSANDS ATTEND SPRING GAME ★ April 17, 2011

The 'Dores conclude a month of drills with the Black and Gold Spring Game in Vanderbilt Stadium. The Black Team comes away with



a 19-7 victory in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. It marks the first spring intrasquad game on campus in more than 10 years. A fireworks display caps the spring finale.

**FRANKLIN:** "First of all, I haven't been here very long, as you guys know, but I was very pleased with the whole organization of everything. The weather – we planned that perfectly. The

autograph session was very well attended. I got to interact with a lot of fans. We stayed healthy today. We had great fan support."







## JOHN DONOVAN

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR; RUNNING BACKS

Offensive coordinator John Donovan came with James Franklin from the University of Maryland, where he helped develop some of the most explosive offenses in school history.

Franklin and Donovan were key offensive assistants under Ralph Friedgen at Maryland – Franklin serving as coordinator and Donovan working with running backs. After Franklin accepted the Vanderbilt post in December, Donovan called offensive plays during the Terrapins' impressive 51-20 Military Bowl victory. The resounding postseason win gave Maryland a 9-4 overall record – and ownership of one of the year's most successful college football turnarounds.

The 2010 Terrapins featured a powerful offensive attack that ranked

second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring offense with a 32.2-point average. The unit was also efficient with just 14 turnovers, allowing Maryland to rank No. 6 nationally in turnover margin.

Donovan's two top running backs in 2010, Davin Meggett and Da'Rel Scott, each topped 700 rushing yards.

The 2010 campaign was Donovan's fourth at Maryland working with running backs. In 2008, Scott enjoyed a breakout

campaign with 1,133 rushing yards. It was the seventh highest single-season total in school history and helped Scott earn first team All-ACC honors.

Scott, selected by the New York Giants in the 2011 NFL Draft, also earned two Most Valuable Player awards after postseason Terrapin victories: following the overwhelming Military Bowl triumph over East Carolina in 2010 and following a Humanitarian Bowl win over Nevada in 2008.

Donovan mentored Maryland's quarterbacks in the 2006 and 2007 campaigns. In 2006, Donovan coached All-ACC quarterback Sam Hollenbach to his finest year as he threw for 2,371 yards and 15 touchdowns, and was named MVP of Maryland's Champs Sports Bowl victory over Purdue. In 2007, Chris Turner threw for nearly 2,000 yards in eight starts, finishing third in the ACC in passing efficiency, and helped the Terps knock off two Top 10 opponents.

Prior to taking over as running backs coach in 2005, Donovan served as Maryland's assistant recruiting coordinator under Friedgen, who hired Donovan as an offensive graduate assistant from 1998-2000 at Georgia Tech. Donovan also worked as an assistant secondary coach at Villanova in 1997, helping the Wildcats to a 12-1 mark.

A 1997 graduate of Johns Hopkins, Donovan was a three-year starter at defensive back for the Blue Jays, earning 12 career interceptions.

Donovan earned a Bachelor's in Sociology from Johns Hopkins in 1997. He later earned a Master's in Economics from Georgia Tech.

Donovan and his wife, Stacey, are the parents of a son, John Patrick, 5; and two daughters: Cate, 3, and Shea, 1.

### Donovan Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 7

**NFL DRAFTEES:** 1

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 3

**NOTES:** Donovan was a key part of a big turnaround in football fortunes at Maryland. During Donovan's 10-year tenure, the Terps went to seven bowls, including the 2001 Orange Bowl as ACC champs.



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*Donovan and his wife, Stacey, are pictured with their son, John Patrick, and daughters, Cate and Shea.*

### Getting to Know Coach Donovan

**HOMETOWN:** River Edge, N.J.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Sociology, Johns Hopkins, 1997  
Master's, Economics, Georgia Tech, 2000

#### PREVIOUS COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2008-10	Maryland (RBs)
2006-07	Maryland (QBs)
2005	Maryland (RBs)
2001-04	Maryland (assistant recruiting coordinator)
1998-2000	Georgia Tech (offensive graduate assistant)
1997	Villanova (assistant secondary)



## BOB SHOOP

### DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR; SAFETIES

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Former William & Mary defensive coordinator Bob Shoop serves as defensive coordinator and safeties coach for the Commodores under James Franklin.

A 23-year veteran in the coaching ranks, Shoop comes to Nashville following a superb four-year tenure at William & Mary where the one-time Columbia head coach guided a remarkable transformation of the Tribe defense.

In 2010, W&M ranked among the top defenses in NCAA FCS football, limiting foes to just 16.7 points per game. In 2009, Shoop's defense helped the Tribe to an 11-3 campaign and an appearance in the FCS national semifinals.

#### Shoop Facts

**POSTSEASON APPEARANCES:** 9

**ALL-AMERICANS:** 3

**NFL DRAFTES:** 5

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 26

**NOTES:** Shoop has been on the winning sideline of three classic college football rivalries: Army-Navy, Harvard-Yale and Boston College-Notre Dame.

The 2009 William & Mary defense was even better, ranking as one of the best in team history. It ended the year first nationally in rush defense (61.1 ypg) and second in both total defense (229.8 ypg) and scoring defense (12.1 ppg.).

The defensive effort earned Shoop the 2009 *FootballScoop* NCAA FCS Coordinator of the Year Award.

Shoop's résumé spans two decades, including three

stints as a defensive coordinator (Yale, 1994-96; Villanova, 1997; William & Mary, 2007-10) and three years as the head coach at Columbia (2003-05).

Prior to joining William & Mary, Shoop was at the University of Massachusetts, where he worked with the Minutemen's defensive backfield and helped the squad to an appearance in the NCAA Division I-AA championship game in 2006.

Prior to the season in Amherst, Shoop was head coach at Columbia. He produced 20 All-Ivy League selections during his tenure.

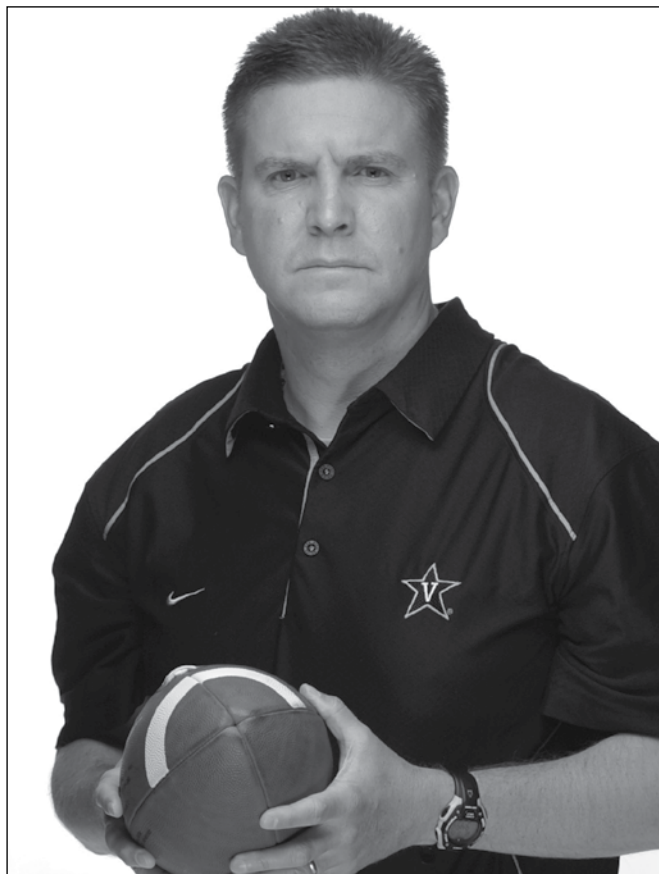
Before becoming Columbia's head coach, Shoop served as secondary coach at Boston College from 1999-2002. Shoop's units played a major role in the Eagles' success, helping Boston College to three bowl victories in his four years.

Shoop has Ivy League experience as an assistant coach at Yale (1989 and 1994-96) under legendary Hall of Fame coach Carmen Cozza. He also served stints as an assistant coach at Army (1998), Villanova, where he was defensive coordinator for the 12-1 1997 squad, and Northeastern (1991-93).

Shoop played collegiate football at Yale. He earned honorable mention All-Ivy accolades in 1987 as a receiver and was recognized with Yale Football's prestigious Robert Gardner Anderson Memorial Award for team spirit, dedication and leadership. He also earned four letters in baseball.

A native of Oakmont, Pa., Shoop was inducted into the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Shoop and his wife, Maura, have two children, Tyler and Jay. His brother, John, is the offensive coordinator at the University of North Carolina.



*Shoop and his wife, Maura, are shown with their boys, Tyler and Jay.*

### Getting to Know Coach Shoop

**HOMETOWN:** Oakmont, Pa.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Economics, Yale, 1988

**PREVIOUS COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2007-10	William & Mary (defensive coordinator/secondary)
2006	Massachusetts (DBs)
2003-05	Columbia (head coach)
1999-2002	Boston College (secondary)
1998	Army (secondary)
1997	Villanova (defensive coordinator)
1994-96	Yale (defensive coordinator)
1991-93	Northeastern (DBs)
1990	Virginia (graduate assistant)
1989	Yale (graduate assistant)





*Pry and his wife, Amy, are shown with their son, Colby, and daughters, Madeline and Catherine.*

## Getting to Know Coach Pry

**HOMETOWN:** Altoona, Pa.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, History, University of Buffalo, 1993

**PREVIOUS COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2010	Georgia Southern (def. coordinator/safeties)
2007-09	Memphis (DL)
2004-06	La.-Lafayette (asst. head coach/def. coordinator/LBs)
2002-03	La.-Lafayette (def. coordinator/ LBs)
2000-01	Western Carolina (DBs/special teams)
1998-99	Western Carolina (DL)
1995-98	Virginia Tech (def. graduate assistant)
1993-94	East Stroudsburg (OLBs/DBs)

## BRENT PRY

### CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR; LINEBACKERS

Brent Pry, a former defensive coordinator at Georgia Southern and Louisiana-Lafayette, serves as linebackers coach and co-defensive coordinator under Head Coach James Franklin.

Pry joins the Commodore staff after one year at Georgia Southern where he helped guide the Eagles back to national prominence in the Division I FCS level as defensive coordinator and safeties coach.

Aided by Pry's stiff defensive unit, Georgia Southern advanced to the NCAA FCS national semifinals with a 10-5 overall record and also notched an important regular season victory over No. 1-ranked and multiple FCS national champion Appalachian State.

The defense under Pry contributed greatly to Georgia Southern's return to national prominence in 2010. The unit ranked 11th nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 18.5 points per game, and ninth in total defense, yielding just 286.9 yards per game.

### Pry Facts

**POSTSEASON APPEARANCES:** 6

**NFL DRAFTEES:** 4

**ALL-AMERICANS:** 2

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 15

**NOTES:** Coached in Sugar and Orange Bowls as graduate assistant at Va Tech. Coached Top Ten defenses at Georgia Southern and Western Carolina.

Pry joined Georgia Southern from the University of Memphis, where he served three years as the Tigers' defensive line coach.

At Memphis, he was part of a staff that guided the Tigers to two bowl games, and molded a defensive line in 2008 into one of the Conference USA's best.

From 2002-06, Pry served at Louisiana-Lafayette, holding positions of assistant head coach and defensive

coordinator. He coached the Ragin' Cajuns' linebackers for five years and was promoted to assistant head coach in 2004.

The 2005 Louisiana-Lafayette squad earned a Sun Belt Conference title and featured five players that eventually played in the NFL.

Pry was an assistant coach at Western Carolina from 1998-2001, mentoring the defensive line for two years, then secondary and special teams for two years. The 1998 WCU defense ranked ninth in the nation in total defense.

Pry also was a graduate assistant at Virginia Tech with the defensive line from 1995-98. The Hokies possessed one of the nation's top defenses in each of Pry's years on campus.

Pry began his coaching career at East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University as an outside linebackers coach for the 1993 season. He then worked with defensive backs in 1994. During Pry's tenure, the East Stroudsburg offense was directed by a standout quarterback who currently serves as Vanderbilt's newest head coach.

A free safety at Maryville (Tenn.) College in 1988, Pry later transferred to the University of Buffalo, where he played under eventual NFL head coach Jim Haslett. Pry lettered in 1990, then suffered a career-ending injury in 1991, only to return as a student coach in 1992.

Pry is a second generation college football coach. His father, Jim, has coached at the college level for more than 30 years.

Pry and his wife, Amy, are the parents of a son, Colby, and two daughters, Madeline and Catherine.





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## CHARLES BANKS

### SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR; TIGHT ENDS

Charles Banks will coordinate Vanderbilt special teams and serve as tight ends coach under Head Coach James Franklin.

Banks served in both capacities for the last two years with Franklin at the University of Maryland. In 2010, Terrapin special teams played an instrumental part in one of the most impressive year-to-year turnarounds in the NCAA as Maryland improved seven games in the win column enroute to a 9-4 overall season. The Terps capped the season with an

impressive victory in the Military Bowl and a Top 25 final ranking.

Banks, a graduate of James Madison University, has experience coaching offense, defense and special teams. He also has coached at three levels of football: the National Football League, collegiate and high school level.

In 2010, Banks' demonstrated his special teams expertise by mentoring Maryland punt returner Tony Logan to first team All-ACC

honors. Logan, who returned two punts for touchdowns, also topped the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 18.8-yard punt return average. That average also ranked third in the nation.

In 2009, another Banks' standout at Maryland, Torrey Smith, earned All-ACC honors by breaking the conference single-season record for kickoff return yards that he established the previous year. Smith eventually became a second round pick of the Baltimore Ravens in the 2011 NFL Draft.

Banks also groomed Nick Ferrara to freshman All-America honors as a placekicker in 2009. Ferrara converted on 18 of 25 field goals during the 2009 campaign.

Prior to working with Franklin at Maryland, Banks enjoyed successes as an assistant under Mike London at the University of Richmond from 2007-08. In Banks' final game as a Richmond coach, the Spiders claimed the 2008 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) national title with a victory over Montana.

Banks oversaw Richmond's superb special teams in 2008 when the Spiders ranked 27th nationally in punt returns and 22nd in kickoff coverage. In 2007, one of Banks' Richmond pupils, returner Justin Rogers, was named the conference's Special Teams Player of the Year after leading the league with a 30.4-yard kickoff return average.

A native of Leonardtown, Md., Banks had two stints at Hampton University (2000-04; 2006) and spent 2005 with the St. Louis Rams. While serving as an assistant special teams coach in St. Louis, the Rams improved from 32nd to 17th in NFL special teams rankings.

Banks also coached a year at Indiana (Pa.) University and James Madison.

He started coaching at his alma mater, Leonardtown H.S., in 1995.

Banks played running back for James Madison, where he earned a bachelor's degree in speech communications in 1994. He earned a master's from Eastern Kentucky in 1998.

Banks and his wife, Katrina, are the parents of a daughter, Ashley, and son, William.

### Banks Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 1

**NFL DRAFTEES:** 2

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 5

**NOTES:** Banks has mentored quality special teams at the NFL, collegiate and high school levels. In 2010, Maryland punt returner Tony Logan averaged 18.8 yards, third in the NCAA.



*Banks and his wife, Katrina, are shown with daughter Ashley, and son William.*

## Getting to Know Coach Banks

**HOMETOWN:** Leonardtown, Md.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Speech Communications, James Madison, 1994  
Master's, Eastern Kentucky, 1998

### OTHER COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2009-10	Maryland (TEs/special teams coordinator)
2007-08	Richmond (RBs/special teams coordinator)
2006	Hampton (offensive coordinator/QBs/RBs)
2005	St. Louis Rams, NFL (assistant special teams)
2000-04	Hampton (RBs/recruiting coordinator)
1999	Indiana (Pa.) University (WRs/TEs)
1998	James Madison (WRs/TEs)
1996-97	Eastern Kentucky (offensive graduate assistant)





## CHRIS BEATTY

### OFFENSIVE RECRUITING COORDINATOR; WIDE RECEIVERS

Former West Virginia University offensive assistant Chris Beatty will mentor Vanderbilt wide receivers in 2011. Beatty also serves as the team's offensive recruiting coordinator.

For the last three years, Beatty served the Mountaineers in dual responsibilities as running backs/slot receivers coach and Director of Recruiting. During that span, Beatty played a key role in guiding West Virginia to three straight bowl appearances.

In 2010, Beatty helped West Virginia to a 9-4 overall record, a Big East Conference co-championship and an appearance in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando. In 2009, WVU finished with a 9-4 mark after facing Florida State in the Gator Bowl. In 2008, the Mountaineers were also 9-4 and capped the season with a 31-30 victory over North Carolina in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Beatty mentored two of the most productive offensive players in Mountaineer football history: running back Noel Devine and slot receiver/return specialist Jock Sanders.

Devine rushed for more than 3,600 yards under Beatty's guidance, twice earning All-Big East Conference honors. Devine concluded his Mountaineer career with more than 4,000 rushing yards, ranking fourth all-time in Big East history. Devine also finished as West Virginia's all-time leader in all-purpose yardage.

Sanders ranked as one of the Big East's most productive receivers, catching 195 passes with Beatty as his mentor. Sanders

concluded his career as West Virginia's all-time leading receiver and second all-time in the Big East. He also posted a reception in 41 consecutive games.

Beatty joined West Virginia after mentoring Northern Illinois running backs in 2007. Beatty's top NIU pupil, sophomore Justin Anderson, rushed for 1,245 yards and eight touchdowns.

Beatty entered the collegiate coaching ranks at Hampton (Va.), helping the Pirates to the MEAC championship and appearance in the NCAA I-AA playoffs. He served the 2006 season as Hampton's offensive coordinator and quarterback/receivers coach.

Before joining the collegiate ranks, Beatty was a successful high school head coach. He directed Landstown H.S. in Virginia Beach to a 40-2 overall record and consecutive appearances in the Virginia 3A state title game. Beatty's 2004 squad captured the 3A state championship.

A native of Centreville, Va., Beatty was a standout wide receiver at East Tennessee State, leaving in 1994 as the Bucs' all-time leading receiver. An All-Southern Conference recipient as a senior, he played professionally for two Canadian Football League teams.

Beatty and his wife, Kristy, are the parents of a son, Aaron.

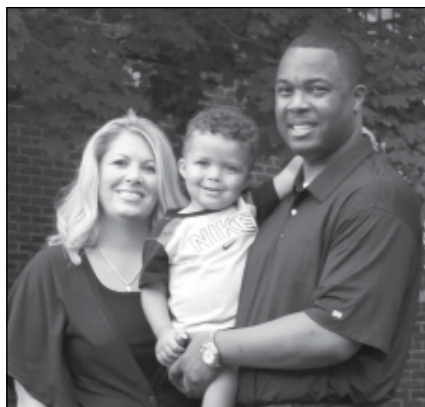
#### Beatty Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 3

**NFL DRAFTES:** 2

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 7

**NOTES:** Beatty mentored two of the most explosive players in West Virginia history: running back Noel Devine and wide receiver-return specialist Jock Sanders.



*Beatty is shown with his wife, Kristy, and their young son, Aaron.*

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### Getting to Know Coach Beatty

**HOMETOWN:** Centreville, Va.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Physical Education, East Tenn. State, 1995

#### OTHER COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2008-10	West Virginia (RBs/slot WRs/Director of Recruiting)
2007	Northern Illinois (RBs)
2006	Hampton (offensive coordinator/QBs/WRs)





# ASSISTANT COACHES

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## HERB HAND

### OFFENSIVE LINE

Herb Hand returns for a second year to the Commodore coaching staff as offensive line coach.

Hand is the only coach from the 2010 Vanderbilt staff that continues to serve on the staff of first-year Commodore Head Coach James Franklin.

In 2010, Hand's offensive front at Vanderbilt lacked quantity and experience. Playing with less than 10 linemen for much of the season, Hand kept the unit together, getting the youthful corps to put together its best overall performances as the season came to a close.

One of Hand's top 2010 prospects, left tackle Wesley Johnson, earned Freshman All-SEC honors from head coaches and Freshman All-America recognition from *Phil Steele's College Football* magazine.

#### Hand Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 9

**ALL-AMERICANS:** 3

**FRESHMEN ALL-AMERICANS:** 6

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 17

**NOTES:** Hand has worked with some of the NCAA's most productive offenses. In 2007 and 2008, his offensive units at Tulsa were ranked No. 1 nationally, averaging more than 540 yards of total offense each season.

Prior to accepting the Vanderbilt offensive position, Hand worked three years at Tulsa, serving as an assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and line coach. Hand helped guide Tulsa to consecutive GMAC Bowl appearances behind one of the NCAA's most explosive spread offenses.

As Tulsa's co-offensive coordinator, Hand coached an offensive line that paved the way for the nation's top ranked offense in 2007 and 2008. He was also a finalist for national

offensive line coach of the year in 2008.

Before joining Tulsa, Hand spent six successful years at West Virginia, serving as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator.

Hand helped West Virginia to three Big East Conference championships and five straight postseason bowl games during the span, including a 36-35 victory over Southeastern Conference champion Georgia in the 2006 Sugar Bowl.

In 2006, West Virginia finished with an 11-2 record and was among the nation's top-10 teams for most of the season. Hand helped guide an offense that ranked second nationally in rushing, third in scoring, and fourth in total offense. A year earlier, WVU posted an 11-1 record and was ranked fifth nationally.

Prior to moving to West Virginia, Hand served as an offensive graduate assistant at Clemson in 1999-2000, as the Tigers participated in the 1999 Peach Bowl and 2000 Gator Bowl.

Before that, he was defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator at Concord (W. Va.) College for two seasons (1997-98). From 1994-96, Hand served as defensive coordinator at another West Virginia college, Glenville State, where he helped coach the squad to three WVIAC Championships. Previously, Hand was a graduate assistant for three seasons (1991-93) at West Virginia Wesleyan where he coached the linebackers.

A 1990 Hamilton College graduate, Hand received his bachelor's in history. He also earned a master's in 1993 from West Virginia Wesleyan in business administration.

Hand and his wife, Debbie, have three children: sons, Trey, 15, and Cade, 9, and daughter, Bailey, 13.

*Hand and his wife, Debbie, are pictured with sons Trey and Cade and daughter Bailey.*



## Getting to Know Coach Hand

**HOMETOWN:** Westmoreland, N.Y.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, History, Hamilton College, 1990

Master's, Business Administration, W. Va. Wesleyan, 1993

#### OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2010-	Vanderbilt (OL)
2009	Tulsa (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/OL)
2007-08	Tulsa (co-offensive coordinator/OL)
2001-06	West Virginia (TEs/recruiting coordinator)
1999-2000	Clemson (offensive graduate assistant)
1997-98	Concord College (defensive coordinator/special teams)
1994-96	Glenville State College (defensive coordinator)
1991-93	West Virginia Wesleyan (defensive graduate assistant)







## WESLEY MCGRIFF

### DEFENSIVE RECRUITING COORDINATOR; DEFENSIVE BACKS

Former Miami Hurricanes assistant coach Wesley McGriff will mentor the Vanderbilt defensive backs in 2011 under Head Coach James Franklin. He also serves as the Commodores' defensive recruiting coordinator.

During a four-year tenure at Miami, McGriff mentored some of the ACC's top defensive backs. He coached former Hurricane All-America Kenny Phillips for two seasons, developing the hard-hitting safety into a 2009 first-round draft pick.

McGriff also mentored two other standouts at Miami: cornerback Brandon Harris and safety Ray-Ray Armstrong.

#### McGriff Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 4

**NFL DRAFTES:** 6

**ALL-AMERICANS:** 2

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 11

**NOTES:** Two recent McGriff pupils at Miami, Kenny Phillips and Brandon Harris, became high picks in the NFL Draft.

McGriff's ability to develop standouts also is evident in former Miami athlete Sam Shields. McGriff molded Shields from a receiver to a high-performing defensive back as a senior. This year, Shields started at cornerback for the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

At Miami, McGriff's 2010 secondary played a key role in the Hurricanes' third straight winning season and its

appearance in the Hyundai Sun Bowl. The unit helped Miami rank second nationally in pass defense allowing just 164.3 yards per game.

Before joining the Miami staff, McGriff served four years at Baylor as recruiting coordinator and defensive backs coach. McGriff's ability to recruit also became apparent at Baylor. He was responsible for signing offensive lineman Jason Smith, who left Baylor as an All-America tackle and the No. 2 pick of the 2009 draft.

McGriff has SEC experience, serving 2001-02 on the Kentucky staff. Prior to his stint at Baylor, McGriff spent two seasons with the Wildcats, coaching running backs in 2001 and cornerbacks in 2002. One of his Kentucky pupils, Artose Pinner, led the SEC in rushing.

McGriff began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Savannah State. He then served as Savannah State's defensive coordinator in 1993-94, and as the team's interim head coach for three months in spring 1993.

From 1995-1999, McGriff served as assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kentucky State. As coordinator in 1995, McGriff helped Kentucky State become the No. 1-ranked defense in Division II. In 1997, they were the top-ranked pass defense. McGriff spent the 2000 campaign as the secondary coach at Eastern Kentucky.

McGriff played at South Carolina State for one year before transferring to Savannah State, where he started at linebacker for three seasons and was named the conference's 1989 Male Academic Athlete of the Year.

McGriff was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1990 and was a member of the Army Reserves until 2001.

He and his wife, Karen, are the parents of a son, Jaylen.



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*McGriff and his wife, Karen, are shown with their son, Jaylen.*

### Getting to Know Coach McGriff

**HOMETOWN:** Tifton, Ga.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, Savannah State  
Master's, Public Administration, Georgia Southern

#### PREVIOUS COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2007-10	University of Miami (DBs)
2007	Kansas State (DBs)
2003-06	Baylor (DBs/recruiting coordinator)
2002	Kentucky (CBs)
2001	Kentucky (RBs)
2000	Eastern Kentucky (secondary)
1995-99	Kentucky State (asst. head coach/def. coordinator/DBs)
1993-94	Savannah State (def. coordinator)
1991-92	Savannah State (secondary)



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## RICKY RAHNE

### QUARTERBACKS

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Former Kansas State offensive assistant coach Ricky Rahne will mentor Vanderbilt quarterbacks under Head Coach James Franklin.

Rahne, who enjoyed a record-breaking collegiate career as quarterback at Cornell University, worked previously with Franklin at K-State during the 2006-07 seasons. While on the Wildcat staff, Franklin and Rahne helped mentor talented quarterback Josh Freeman into an All-Big 12 signal caller and an eventual first-round National Football League draft pick.

Rahne served as a full-time member of the Kansas State coaching staff for the last four years. He held the position of tight ends coach under legendary Wildcat head coach Bill Snyder the last two years, after mentoring Kansas State running backs in 2007-08.

In 2010, Rahne helped Kansas State secure a berth in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium after a 7-5 regular season. The

#### Rahne Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 1

**NFL DRAFTED:** 2

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 4

**NOTES:** Rahne and Franklin worked together at Kansas State where they jointly mentored the early progress of eventual NFL quarterback Josh Freeman.

Wildcat offense averaged 33.6 points per game, ranking 22nd in the nation, and produced nearly 200 rushing yards per game.

In 2009, Rahne tutored first team All-Big 12 tight end Jeron Mastrud, who ranks second in school history in receptions among tight ends. Mastrud is a member of the Miami Dolphins.

Directing the Wildcat running backs from 2007-08, Rahne helped tutor All-Big 12 selection

and current Pittsburgh Steeler James Johnson, who became the fastest Wildcat to rush for 1,000 yards in a season in 2007.

Rahne served as the Wildcats' offensive graduate assistant during the 2006 season, working closely with all aspects of the Kansas State offense. He also worked hand-in-hand with Franklin with Wildcat quarterbacks, and specifically helped develop a young Freeman into the team's starting quarterback.

Eventually, Freeman put together one of the greatest careers ever by a Kansas State signal caller and became a first-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Freeman just completed his second year as an NFL starter and is considered one of the league's future stars at quarterback.

Before joining the staff at Kansas State, Rahne spent the 2005 season as the running backs coach at Cornell, where he mentored first team All-Ivy League pick Luke Siwula. During 2005, Siwula had six 100-yard rushing games. He ended the year with 1,086 yards on the ground for the 10th-best single-season rushing total in Cornell history.

During the 2004 campaign, Rahne was a member of the coaching staff at Holy Cross, where he served as an assistant defensive line coach.

A native of Morrison, Colo., Rahne finished his career as Cornell's all-time leader in nearly every passing category and earned the team's MVP honors three times.

Rahne earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell in 2002.

Rahne and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of a son, Ryder.



*Rahne and his wife, Jennifer, are shown with their young son Ryder.*

## Getting to Know Coach Rahne

**HOMETOWN:** Morrison, Colo.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell, 2002

**OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2009-10	Kansas State (TEs)
2007-08	Kansas State (RBs)
2006	Kansas State (offensive graduate assistant)
2005	Cornell (RBs)
2004	Holy Cross (assistant defensive line)





## SEAN SPENCER

### DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Bowling Green defensive assistant Sean Spencer serves as defensive line coach for the Commodores under Head Coach James Franklin.

During spring drills on campus, Spencer blended strong teaching skills with an enthusiastic coaching style that earned the respect of Commodore linemen.

Defensive tackle Chris Jones, Spencer's top pupil at Bowling Green in 2010, garnered six quarterback sacks, including 3.5 sacks in a win over Central Michigan that helped Jones earn National Defensive Lineman of the Week honors. Jones later also earned All-MAC Conference recognition.

### Spencer Facts

**POSTSEASON APPEARANCES:** 3

**ALL-AMERICANS:** 3

**ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS:** 9

**NOTES:** Spencer has mentored three defensive players who went on to become finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the top defensive player in NCAA FCS football.

During Spencer's two years on staff, the BGSU defensive front posted 40 sacks.

In 2009, despite opening the season without a single returning starter on the defensive front, Spencer helped Bowling Green advance to the Humanitarian Bowl.

Spencer, who is starting his 11th year of defensive line coaching experience, also was the special teams coordi-

nator at UMass in 2007 and 2008. Along with his special teams duties, Spencer also coached the defensive line for the Minutemen. In 2007 the Minutemen had 44 sacks, one of the top sack totals in the country, and were led by All-America and Buck Buchanan Award finalist David Burris.

Spencer enjoyed team success at UMass, helping the Minutemen to consecutive Colonial Athletic Association titles.

Spencer mentored two special teams phenoms at UMass: kick returner Courtney Robinson and punter Brett Arnold. Robinson earned first team All-CAA honors after breaking the team's record for kick return yards. Arnold earned first team All-America honors.

Spencer spent the 2006 season at Hofstra University where he was the defensive line coach for the Pride. In the summer of 2006, Spencer took part in an NFL summer internship with the New York Jets.

Prior to Hofstra, Spencer served as linebackers coach at Villanova University in 2005 where he coached All-American Brian Hulea, who finished his career as the all-time tackler in the CAA.

Spencer also spent one season at the College of Holy Cross where he served as defensive line coach in 2004. Before his stint at Holy Cross, Spencer served as the defensive line coach at UMass from 2001 through 2003.

Spencer also coached at Trinity College from 1998 through 2000 where he was the running backs coach and pass game coordinator in 1999 before becoming the defensive line coach in 2000, Shippensburg University from 1996 to 1998 as running backs coach, and Wesleyan University from 1995 and 1996 as the receiver/tight ends coach.

Spencer started three years at free safety as an undergraduate at Clarion University. He earned a bachelor's in political science in 1995.

Spencer is the parent of a daughter, Alysia.

*Spencer is pictured with his daughter, Alysia.*



## Getting to Know Spencer

**HOMETOWN:** Hartford, Conn.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Political Science, Clarion, 1995

### OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

2009-10	Bowling Green (DL)
2007-08	Massachusetts (DL/special teams)
2006	Hofstra (DL)
2005	Villanova (LBs)
2004	College of Holy Cross (DL)
2001-03	Massachusetts (DL)
2000	Trinity College (DL)
1998-99	Trinity (RBs/passing game coordinator)
1996-97	Shippensburg (RB)
1995-96	Wesleyan (receivers/TEs)





# ASSISTANT COACHES

## DWIGHT GALT

### DIRECTOR OF PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT

COACHES

Veteran University of Maryland Strength and Conditioning Director Dwight Galt serves as Director of Performance Enhancement with the Vanderbilt football squad in 2011. Galt accepted the conditioning position after James Franklin became Vanderbilt's head coach.

Galt comes to Vanderbilt from the Terrapins' program that experienced one of the NCAA's most impressive turnarounds in 2010 – a 9-4 campaign capped by an impressive 51-20 victory over East Carolina in the Military Bowl.

Several of Galt's former student-athletes have impressed pro scouts at the NFL Combine. In March, former Terp receiver/returner Torrey Smith and running back Da'Rel Scott were among the top overall performers at the combine. Later, Smith became a second round draft pick of the Baltimore Ravens while Scott was taken later by the N.Y. Giants.

Galt served as Director of Strength & Conditioning at Maryland for the last 17 years, and spent a total of 27 years with the Terrapins. He

#### Galt Facts

**BOWL APPEARANCES:** 8

**NFL DRAFTES:** 46

**NOTES:** Several Maryland players trained by Galt has been among the elite performers at the NFL Combine, including DB Dominique Foxworth (2005), TE Vernon Davis (2006), WR Darrius Heyward-Bey (2009) and WR Torrey Smith (2011). Galt also conditioned many other Terps with outstanding pro careers, including linebackers E.J. Henderson and Shawne Merriman, and tight end Frank Wycheck.

27 Terrapin varsity sports – involving more than 700 student-athletes. His primary responsibility during the past 17 years has been the athletic preparation of the football program, though his primary duties also included the Maryland men's basketball program from 1989-2000.

Throughout his Maryland career, Galt has been extremely fortunate to employ several superb assistants, including Evan Marcus, head strength coach at the Miami Dolphins; Kurtis Schultz, head strength coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Ray Wright, head strength coach of the Washington Redskins; and Craig Fitzgerald, head strength coach at the University of South Carolina.

Galt and his wife, Janice, have been married for 31 years. They have four children: Angie, 28; Teri, 26; and 23-year-old twin sons, Dwight IV and Tommy.

Both daughters played intercollegiate sports: Angie as a softball catcher at Brown University; Teri as an all-conference soccer defender at Frostburg State (Md.) University. Both sons played football at Maryland and remain active in collegiate athletics: Dwight IV is a strength coach at the University of South Carolina; Tommy is an offensive graduate assistant at South Carolina.

began at Maryland in 1984, working as an intern for then strength director Frank Costello. He assisted in the preparation of Atlantic Coast Conference championship football teams in 1984 and 1985 and also was the conditioning coach for the Terrapins' men's basketball program that featured phenom Len Bias.

After completing his master's in exercise physiology from Maryland in 1989, Galt was hired as a full-time assistant strength coach at Maryland. For the next five years, Galt worked with more than 500 Terrapin student-athletes.

Galt was named Maryland's Head Strength Coach in December 1993, with responsibility for the physical preparation of



Galt and his wife, Janice. They are the parents of daughters Angie and Teri and twin sons, Dwight IV and Tommy.

## Getting to Know Galt

**HOMETOWN:** Silver Springs, Md.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Business Management, Maryland, 1981  
Master's, Exercise Physiology, Maryland, 1989

#### OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1993-2010	Maryland (Director of Strength and Conditioning)
1989-92	Maryland (assistant strength coach)
1984-88	Maryland (intern with strength staff)





## KEVIN COLON

### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ATHLETICS



A veteran of Vanderbilt Athletics, Kevin Colon enters his second year with administrative oversight of the Commodore football program.

Colon serves as Associate Director of Student Athletics. Colon's responsibilities include overseeing three other Vanderbilt varsity programs: baseball, women's indoor and outdoor track and field, and men's and women's cross country.

In June, Colon directed Vanderbilt's on-campus hosting of the NCAA baseball regional and super regionals, and was the team's official NCAA liaison at the College World Series.

A 14-year veteran of the department, Colon administered women's track and track, men's and women's cross country, women's swimming program and baseball prior to the 2010-11 fiscal year when he was promoted to the current position.

Colon came to Vanderbilt in 1998 to organize and direct the CHAMPS/Lifeskills program on campus. As CHAMPS/Lifeskills director, Colon directed student-athletes into an expanded role in giving back at Nashville area community efforts, focusing on mentoring local inner-city elementary school students and greater involvement in Nashville-based non-profits. More than a decade later, the program continues as the primary community outreach arm of Vanderbilt Athletics.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Colon served two years as Assistant Director of Student Services and academic advisor at Kansas State.

Colon earned an undergraduate degree in communications at Iowa State. He later earned a master's in higher education at Toledo.

Colon has a 14-year-old son, DuBois.

## JEMAL GRIFFIN

### FOOTBALL CHIEF OF STAFF



Jemal Griffin, the former Director of Football Operations at the University of Maryland, is in his first year as Chief of Staff of the Vanderbilt football program.

Griffin and first-year Commodore Head Coach James Franklin worked together as members of the Terrapins' athletic department, most recently with Griffin as operations director for the football team and Franklin holding the titles of assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

Griffin worked five years at Maryland, including the last three as operations director. He was responsible for the daily management of the Maryland football program, including team travel, budget management, team housing, fundraising and special events.

Griffin served as Maryland's assistant recruiting coordinator in 2006-07. During those two years, the Terps landed nine prep All-Americans and 31 others ranked among the top 100 nationally at their positions.

Prior to arriving at Maryland, Griffin spent seven years on the staff at Woodlawn H.S. in Baltimore. He started as a defensive coach in 1999, then was promoted in 2000 to assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. Griffin coached two prep All-Americans, as well as many all-state and All-Metro players, at Woodlawn. The school earned two county 3A-4A titles and two Maryland 4A North championships during his tenure.

A native of Baltimore, Griffin earned his degree in management science from Coppin State. He was a four-year starter on the Eagles' baseball team, and named to the MEAC All-Tournament team as a senior.

Griffin and his wife, Carla, are the parents of two boys, Brandon and Joshua, and a daughter, Billie Grace.

## MICHAEL HAZEL

### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Michael Hazel enters his second year in the position of Director of Football Operations.

Previously, he served five years as Assistant Director of Football Operations during Bobby Johnson's coaching tenure on campus.

Hazel also worked one year previously as a Vanderbilt defensive graduate assistant.

Hazel was a four-year letterwinner as a linebacker and special teams contributor for Elon University in North Carolina. During his collegiate playing days, Hazel helped Elon to a 28-16 record as the program transitioned to the I-AA level.

A native of Easley, S.C., Hazel was an eight-time member of the Elon Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

In 2001, he earned a bachelor's in corporate communications from Elon. In 2004, he earned an MBA from Elon. Hazel completed a master's in education from Vanderbilt in 2007.

## ANDY FRANK

### ASST. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Andy Frank is in his second year in the position of Assistant Director of Football Operations.

This marks Frank's fifth year working with the football program.

In 2009, Frank served as assistant recruiting coordinator. Previously, he was a defensive graduate assistant in

2007 and quality control staffer in 2008.

Prior to joining the Vanderbilt staff, Frank also worked as a defensive assistant coach at Lincoln H.S. in Michigan.

A native of Michigan, Frank was a defensive back and special teams player at Princeton University.

Frank earned a bachelor's in engineering from Princeton in 2001. He worked in the engineering profession briefly before entering the high school coaching ranks in Michigan.

In 2008, he earned a master's degree in education from Vanderbilt in 2008.

## KEVIN THRELKEL

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.



Kevin Threlkel serves as the Commodores' administrative assistant.

Threlkel also assisted James Franklin at the University of Maryland.

A graduate of Kansas State, Threlkel was the

Terps' program management specialist last year, assisting with day-to-day operations in the department.

In 2009, Threlkel joined Maryland as an intern for football operations.

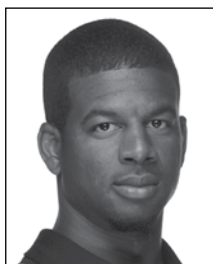
As an undergraduate at Kansas State, Threlkel tutored under Franklin as an offensive and recruiting assistant.

A native of Hays, Kansas, Threlkel earned a bachelor's in business management from K-State in 2007, and master's in 2009.



# SUPPORT STAFF

## BARRY BROWN ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH



Barry Brown is in his first year as an assistant strength coach for the Commodores. He will assist Director Dwight Galt in conditioning the football squad.

Brown, 36, served as an intern strength coach for LSU last year. Brown assisted in implementing workouts for football and baseball during the summer and fall of 2010. Brown was an intern football strength coach at the Miami (Fla.) in 2005.

A native of New Orleans, Brown completed most of his undergraduate work in Southern California while playing collegiate baseball. He was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1995.

Brown received his bachelor's in business management from the University of Phoenix in 2004.

## CHUCK LOSEY ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH



A former Vanderbilt defensive end, Chuck Losey is a new assistant strength coach under Director Dwight Galt.

Losey served as Tennessee State's Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning for six years before accepting the Vanderbilt assistant position. He was responsible for coordinator conditioning programs for more than 300 TSU student-athletes. Losey also trained two TSU players picked in the NFL Draft, including first-round pick Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

Losey started 22 straight games at Vanderbilt, and was voted the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior. He earned a bachelor's in Human and Organizational Leadership in 2002.

Losey's wife, the former Lauren Rebecca Price, was a track standout at Vanderbilt.

## JOEY ORCK GRADUATE ASSISTANT, OFFENSE



Joey Orck is in his second year as a graduate assistant coach, working with the offense.

In 2009, Orck assisted the Vanderbilt staff as an offensive quality control assistant.

Orck came to Vanderbilt after earning four letters as an offensive center at Presbyterian (S.C.) College. He also was a senior captain and helped the team win the South Atlantic Conference title and reach the NCAA D-II quarterfinals in 2005.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Orck was a two-year starting offensive lineman and two-sport standout at Dutch Fork H.S.

Orck earned a bachelor's in political science from Presbyterian in 2008, and is working toward a master's in Organizational Leadership.

## DERHAM CATO GRADUATE ASSISTANT, DEFENSE



Derham Cato is in his first year at a Vanderbilt graduate assistant. He will assist the defensive line.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Cato was a four-year letterwinner at Dartmouth College from 2001-04. He also started three years at defensive tackle.

In 2010, Cato coached tight ends at Dartmouth.

Cato also has professional playing experience.

In 2007, he played for the Toronto Argonauts. In 2006, he contributed for the Arena League's

Nashville Kats.

Cato earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from Dartmouth in 2005. He is working toward a masters in organization leadership from the Peabody College.

Cato is engaged to Lauren Hornick.

## CHARLES HUFF QUALITY CONTROL, OFFENSE



Charles Huff serves as an offensive quality control assistant for the Commodores. A former coach at Tennessee State, Huff served as the offensive line coach and running game coordinator at Hampton in 2010.

A native of Denton, Md., Huff served as an intern at Maryland in 2009 under James Franklin.

Huff worked at TSU from 2006-08 in a variety of capacities: as tight ends and special teams coach in 2007-08, and offensive line assistant in 2006.

Prior to joining TSU, Huff was a graduate assistant at Hampton. He earned a bachelor's in physical education from Hampton in 2005.

Huff was a three-year letterwinner at center during his playing career at Hampton.

## ROBERT LIVINGSTON QUALITY CONTROL, DEFENSE



Robert Livingston is assisting the Commodore staff for the first year, serving as defensive quality control.

A native of Hendersonville, N.C., Livingston worked the Furman football staff in 2010.

From 2007-09, Livingston was the starting free safety for William & Mary. During that time, the Tribe featured one of the top defensive units in NCAA FCS football.

Livingston also was mentored by current Vanderbilt defensive coordinator Bob Shoop at William & Mary.

Livingston earned a bachelor's in kinesiology from William & Mary in 2010.





# SUPPORT STAFF



## TOM BOSSUNG HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Tom Bossung enters his 13th year as head athletic trainer for the team and director of the department's athletic training office.

Bossung is entering his 17th year assisting Vanderbilt student-athletes. He first came to campus as a graduate assistant in 1990 and earned a master's degree in health promotion and exercise science in 1992.

After working a year at the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Center and served two years as the head athletic trainer at Tennessee State, he returned to Vanderbilt in 1995 to work with

the men's basketball teams. He moved to the football athletic training post in 1999.

Bossung, who received his bachelor's from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners. He has served as a test site administrator and host for NATA certification exams.

Tom and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children: Ryan, 18; and Sarah, 14.

## LUKE WYATT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Luke Wyatt enters his 29th year at Vanderbilt, having served as the head equipment manager since 1990.

Wyatt handles the purchase and care of football equipment and consults with coaches of all Vanderbilt sports.

Wyatt supervises three equipment assistants and several student workers that contribute to the team's in-season equipment staff. Together, the staff works long hours to ensure the football team is well-prepared for games and practices.

Wyatt's staff also is responsible for transporting all team equipment to road games.

Wyatt was recognized as the National Football Federation outstanding equipment manager in 2004. He is a member of several equipment boards, including Schutt gear.

## FOOTBALL STAFF

## ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL STAFF



**ANGELA BESS**  
Head Coach's  
Administrative Assistant



**BEVERLY BROTHERS**  
Administrative  
Assistant



**ANDREA POOLE CAIN**  
Assistant  
Recruiting Coordinator



**DR. HARRISON SHULL JR.**  
Team  
Physician



**DR. KURT SPINDLER**  
Orthopaedic  
Surgeon



**DR. WARNE FITCH**  
Team  
Physician



**TRACY CAMPBELL**  
Assistant Athletic  
Trainer



**JUSTIN WENZEL**  
Assistant Athletic  
Trainer



**KERRY WILBAR**  
Assistant Athletic  
Trainer



**ELIZABETH WRIGHT**  
Director of  
Academic Support



**EUGENE HENDERSON**  
Academic  
Counselor



**MAX-MAURICE MARTIN**  
Academic  
Counselor



**STEVEN PARKS**  
Director,  
Video Production



**LACEY BALLARD**  
Assistant Director,  
Video Production



**WES WHALEY**  
Assistant Director,  
Video Production



**"MAGIC" NOORI**  
Food Coach,  
Hendrix Room



**CHRIS SINGLETON**  
Assistant Equipment  
Manager



**GARY VEACH**  
Equipment  
Assistant

